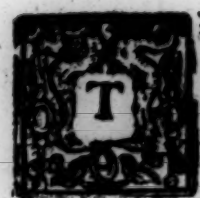


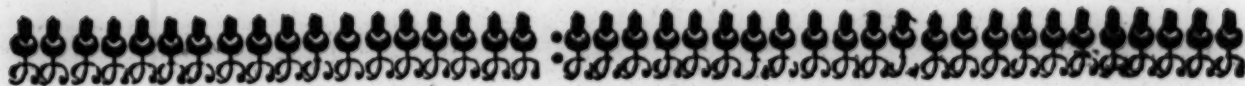
A
DECLARATION
OF THE
Lords and Commons

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

Martis ult. Februarii, 1642.



The Lords and Commons taking into Consideration, the miserable Distractions and Calamities, with which this whole Kingdome and Nation is now infested, the Face and Cruell Effects of an unnaturall Civill War, being too visible and apparent in all the parts thereof, and the Power of the Sword so prevailing, as that the Publique Justice of the Kingdom cannot be expected to be administred in a just and indifferent way, but that the Judges and Ministers thereof may be terrified and awed by the Power of Armed men, And also for preventing of Inconveniences which may happen by Assemblies of multitudes of people in these times of miserable Distraction, have thought fit to Order, And the said Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, doe Ordaine and Declare, that the severall Judges and Justices of Assize, and Nisi Prius, and Justices of Oier and Terminer, and Soale delivery, and their Associates, and the Clerkes of the Assize and every of them, of, or within any of the Counties or Cities of England and Dominion of Wales, doe forbear to Execute any of the said Commissions, or to hold or keepe any Assizes, or Soale delivery at any time during this Lent vacation, or to issue out any Warrant for summoning the Assizes within any County in which they shall be appoynted Judges or Justices; And if they have already issued any, that they forthwith reboke and recall the same, and herein their ready and perfect obedience is expected and required, as they will answer the Contempt and neglect hereof, before the Lords and Commons in Parliament.



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Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, that this Declaration shall be forthwith Printed and published.

John Browne Cleri. Parliamentorum.



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